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SUBJECT: ISRAEL AND GSP: ADVERSE EFFECT OF PREFERENCES
CONSULTATIONS

REFS: (A) TELAVIV 1061, (B) STATE 29014 (C) TEL AVIV 740

1. IN LIGHT OF CURRENT EXPECTATION THAT U.S. GENERALIZED
SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES WILL BE IMPLEMENTED THIS
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FALL WE BELIEVE IT WILL BE OF MUTUAL INTEREST TO

RESOLVE QUESTION OF ISRAEL'S ELIGIBILITY FOR GSP AT
EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE. ADDITIONAL REASON FOR ACTING
QUICKLY IS THAT MEASURES FOUND NECESSARY TO ELIMINATE
SIGNIFICANT ADVERSE EFFECT OF ISRAEL'S PREFERENCES
ACCORDED EC SUPPLIERS MUST BE IMPLEMENTED BY ISRAEL PRIOR T
JANUARY 1, 1976.

2. IN RESPONSE TO GOI'S FEB. 11 NOTE REAFFIRMING ISRAEL'S
WILLINGNESS TO ENTER INTO DISCUSSIONS WITH A VIEW TOWARD
MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS OF TITLE V, SECTION 502 (B)(3) OF
THE TRADE ACT, EMBASSY REQUESTED TO INFORM GOI THAT USG IS
PREPARED TO BEGIN SUCH DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON AT
EARLIEST CONVENIENT DATE. ALTHOUGH FOCUS OF CONSULTA-
TION WILL BE IN FIRST INSTANCE ON MEASURES NECESSARY TO
ELIMINATE SIGNIFICANT ADVERSE EFFECT OF EXISTING PREFERENEE

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AGREEMENT WILL ALSO BE NEEDED ON APPROACH TO SIMILAR OR
GREATER TRADE EFFECTS ANTICIPATED AS RESULT OF EXPECTED
IMPLEMENTATION OF NEWLY INITIALED EC-ISRAEL AGREEMENT.
AS PER BIZIC-DOZIER TELCONS, EMBASSY REQUESTED FORWARD
SOONEST (PLEASE POUCH) COPY OF INITIALED AGREEMENT.
(DEPT. PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN OBTAINING SPECIFICS OF
AGREEMENT RE TIMING OF IMPLEMENTATION FOR VARIOUS
PRODUCTS COVERED.)

3. IF ISRAEL MEETS SECTION 502(B)3 REQUIREMENTS BY
ELIMINATION OF SIGNIFICANT ADVERSE EFFECT OF PREFERENCES,
GOI CAN BE ASSURED THAT OTHER FACTORS TO BE TAKEN INTO
ACCOUNT UNDER SECTION 502(C) WILL NOT WORK TO BAR
ISRAELI ELIGIBILITY. KISSINGER

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